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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 3-6-2007

SPONSOR SRC _____ LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Fort Stanton Development Commission Members SB 1148/SRCS _____

ANALYST Dearing _____

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

The Senate Rules Committee substitute for Senate Bill 1148 carries no appropriation. The committee substitute for Senate Bill 1148 amends Section 9-6-12 NMSA 1978, increasing the membership of the Fort Stanton Development Commission from seven members to fifteen. The bill adds the Secretaries of the Economic Development, Tourism, General Services, and Veterans Services and Cultural Affairs departments to the Commission. SB1148/SRCS increases from 3 to 6 the number of at large Lincoln County resident commission members, and alters appointment provisions to specify selection by the Lincoln County Commission instead of the Governor. The substitute specifies that the Commission chair shall be a resident of Lincoln County.

The Senate Rules Committee substitute for Senate Bill 1148 establishes a collaboration with the Commission for a management and trusteeship scenario by the museum board of regents of the museum of New Mexico, contingent on Fort Stanton's eventual designation as State Monument. The Commission would have no role in prescribing rules over that area designated a State Monument, were this to occur.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Fort Stanton Development Commission is a state body administratively attached to the Cultural Affairs department. Fort Stanton was established on May 4, 1855 to protect Hispanic settlements along the Rio Bonito from Apache raids. It was decommissioned in 1896. Fort Stanton later became America's first federal tuberculosis hospital and first German internment camp during World War II. The Fort also served as home to Japanese interned during the war, persons with mental and developmental disabilities, and State prisoners recovering from substance abuse.

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